Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Are there any applications from the Ezhuvas pending disposal now ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There may be.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government kindly consider their claims in future appointments ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Due considerations will be given to these applications as well.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Only one Ezhuva is appointed till now. May I know what was it due to, for want of applications ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Not due to any special reason.

Child Marriage Restraint Bill & Nambudiri Bill.

266. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja, Member for Landholders, has written to the Government that expert Members should be nominated for Mr. Kannan Nayar's Child Marriage Restraint Bill and Mrs. Pavitran's Nambudiri Reform Bill ; if so, what action has the Government taken on the same ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Does the Government propose to nominate expert Members ?

President.—Two Nambudiris have been appointed, and for the other I have got His Highness' sanction to appoint Mr. T. R. Ramachandra Ayyar. When the Bill comes, he will be appointed.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—One Nambudiri resigned. There was a walk-out. (*Laughter.*)

Mr. R. Govinda Menon's communication.

267. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government has received any communication, dated 19th Karkadagam 1104, addressed to the Sarvadhikariakar to His Highness the Maharaja of Cochin from Mr. R. Govinda Menon, Nemmara ;

(b) if so, what are the charges referred to therein and whether all or any of the allegations in it are true and what action has been taken on the same ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) Government did not consider it worthwhile to enter into the merits of the questions raised in the communication referred to.

Mr C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Does not the Government consider some of the allegations defamatory and even seditious?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government do not think it worthwhile to enter into the merits of the question raised in the petition. (*Hear, hear.*)

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—If such grave allegations are made, which are now found to be false, is it proper that these are let off without any punishment?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government do not consider it worthwhile to do anything in the matter.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Take him to the Asylum.

President.—Those are uncharitable statements. He is not given an opportunity of being heard.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I had the opportunity of hearing him.

268. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(i) if Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar, the Diwan, has made the alleged statement referred to in para 25 of Mr. R. Govinda Menon's communication, dated 19th Karkadagam 1104, to the Sarvadhikariakar to His Highness the Maharaja about the Judges of the Chief Court of Cochin ; if not,

(ii) whether the Government proposes to take any action on these grave and serious allegations; and if not,

(iii) why not?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(i) The statement was not made.

(ii) No action is proposed to be taken.

(iii) It is not considered worthwhile.

Supply of fresh drinking water to the people of Chellanam, etc.

269. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) whether any action has been taken so far in the direction of supplying fresh drinking water to the people of Chellanam, Manacheri, etc., as per resolution unanimously passed and accepted in the Council;

(2) do the Government think of doing anything in the near future towards the carrying out of the resolution and thereby gratifying the extreme needs of a pretty big portion of His Highness' subjects?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Investigations were made, and it is found that the probable minimum consumption of water will be 40,000 gallons per day.

(2) Government would be quite willing to work any scheme which is found to be feasible. Certain proposals are beinginvestigated.

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